



PUYALLUP RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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Puyallup River Levee Setback Tour

July 23, 2008

2-5 pm

Meet at Sumner City Hall

1104 Maple St., 2nd Floor

- 2:00 Meet at Sumner City Hall
- 2:10 Depart for 1st Site
- 2:30 Arrive at **Ford Setback Levee (Orville Rd. E and WH Fisk Rd.) – Constructed 1998**
The Ford setback levee was constructed in 1998-99 between approx. RM 24 and 26 on the Puyallup River. The project opened up 122 acres of the riparian floodplain corridor. The pre-existing levees were breached during the February 1996 flood event. Setback levees were 2.1 miles long and provide 100-year level of flood protection. Project also provides fish and wildlife habitat benefit. Total cost of \$3.2 million with 80% from Corps of Engineers and 20% Pierce County. (Depart 3:00)
- 3:15 Arrive at **Soldiers Home Setback Levee (left bank Puyallup River between Calistoga bridge and 193rd St. E) – Constructed 2006**

The setback levee was constructed in fall 2006 by Pierce County SWM along the Puyallup River (RM 21.5 – 22.4), near the Orting Soldiers Home site, to improve wildlife habitat and increase flood protection. The project connected about 67 acres of floodplain, exposing it to natural channel migration and floodplain inundation. At its maximum width, the river corridor was increased from 250 to 1150 feet. The new setback levee provides flood protection (100-yr level of protection) to adjacent valley properties. Project costs were \$5.5 million, excluding land acquisition, with funding from Pierce County, Port of Tacoma, Hylebos Partners, and Salmon Recovery Funding Board. (Depart 3:45)
- 4:00 Arrive at **Proposed Calistoga Setback Levee, City of Orting (right bank downstream of Calistoga Bridge – access via ??)**
The proposed setback levee would extend approximately 3850 feet downstream from the Calistoga Bridge at river mile 20.5, and connect about 30 acres of floodplain. Main goals of the project are increased flood protection and enhanced fish habitat. The project is part of the recently completed Puyallup River levee setback feasibility study. The project was ranked 2nd out of 20 potential Puyallup River setback sites. Project design (30%) is proposed for funding in 2008 SRFB round (Depart at 4:30)
- 4:50 Return to Sumner City Hall